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To: Tony GallegosOf: DOGMFax: 359-3940

Phone: _____

Pages: _____, including this cover sheet.

Date: 6-19-97FROM: Brad Boyer

SUBJECT: _____

MESSAGE: Hard & finalized copy will be sent when
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Re: Review of large mining plan notice of intention, Western Clay Company, Hebe Gypsum Mine, M/015/0172 (UTU-73779), Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

This letter is drafted to provide further information requested by the division in your letter of June, 6 1997. Our responses are formatted in the same manner as that letter to facilitate comparisons.

105.2 Surface Facilities Map

The map intended to be our surface facilities map was titled "Plan of Operations 1997-2008 Hebe Mining Claims".

A copy of a revised map showing stream crossings and cross sections is enclosed with this letter.

OPERATION PLAN**106.2 Type of Operations**

Areas C-1 and C-2 are described in the plan under the section "Proposed Operations". These two areas were described together as area C.

The typical blasting schedule will be Monday through Friday to minimize impact on recreation. All blasting occur in daylight hours only.

The fuel containment berm mentioned on page 11 is a berm of native material approximately 18 inches in height meant to contain any spillage of fuel in a small area.

106.3 Estimated acreage disturbed, reclaimed annually.

The spreadsheet that was given to division on February 24th matches the schedule on page 13 of the Notice with the only difference being that the schedule for the BLM was approximately 7.17 acres larger than that for DOGM because the BLM right of way covering the haul road is not considered a part of our total acreage under BLM regulations. The schedule on page 13 was intended to be the final estimate of acreage disturbed and reclaimed annually. This schedule was drafted to replace the schedule found on page four of the Notice and the schedule on page four should be disregarded.

On June 12, 1997 Western Clay telephoned Mr. Tony Gallegos of your staff regarding the bond estimate. If any further information is needed please let us know.

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The total acreage of 81.5 does not agree with the total shown on the divisions schedule by approximately 7.17 acres. This difference is due to the BLM right of way which has been bonded for separately for the BLM. It was our understanding that the state needed to have this acreage added to our total mine area.

The difference between the calculated 5.65 acres and the declared 7.17 acres is two turn around areas for haul trucks at either end of the road.

107.1 Public safety and welfare

Please see enclosed sketches of fence and berm.

109.3 Impact on existing soils

Soil material at the mine site will be sufficient and no borrow areas will be needed.

110.2 Roads, highwalls, etc reclaimed

There will be no stockpiles of material left at the mine site. Stockpiles will either be hauled away or used as fill material for sloping highwalls and contouring site. The natural contour of the area is flat so grading stockpiles to blend in would mean leveling them anyway.

113-Surety

Comments regarding the surety estimate were made to Tony Gallegos during a telephone conversation on June 12, 1997. If any further information is needed please let us know.

For signature line see enclosed signature page.

DOGM COMMENTS ON EA UT-066-97-8

It was Western Clay's intention to re-grade the disturbed area to blend in with the natural topography.

Any seed that can be practically gathered within Emery county will be gathered there.

Actual estimates for annual disturbance and reclamation are on page 13 not page 4.

The difference between the two schedules total acreage is that DOGM's schedule included the 7.17 acre right of way. If any other differences are revealed the schedule on page 13 is our best estimate as to disturbance and reclamation.



Fred D. Mortensen
President

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature of Operator	<u>Fred D. Mortensen</u>
Name	Fred D. Mortensen
Title	President
Date	6/13/97